

# The Michigan Autism Council



## AUTISM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 26, 2021

9 am – 11 am

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION</b>
Diane Heinzelman, Chairperson	MDHHS Appointed Position
Colleen Allen	Autism Alliance of Michigan, Non-Profit Organization serving those with ASD
Martin Baum	Parent, ASD Community
Krista Boe	Autism Centers of Michigan, Certified Behavior Analysts
Mary Chaliman	MDHHS, Child Welfare
Jacob Daar	Northern Michigan University, State Universities
Dana Lasenby	Oakland Community Health Network, Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plans/Community Mental Health Service Programs
Rebecca McIntyre	Michigan Department of Education
George Mellos, MD	Michigan Department of Health & Human Services
Amy Miilu	Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services
Jenny Piatt	Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Employment Services
Kent Rehmann	Summit Pointe, Recipient Rights
Lauren Ringle, Secretary	Intermediate School Districts and Local Schools
Neelkamal Soares, MD	Western Michigan University Homer Stryker MD School of Medicine, Health Care Providers
Frank Vaca	Self-Advocate, ASD Community
<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION, REPRESENTATION</b>
Brian DeBano	Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Amy Matthews, Vice-Chair	Grand Valley State University, State-funded Initiatives
<b>MDHHS STAFF PRESENT</b>	<b>MDHHS REPRESENTATION</b>
Lisa Grost	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration / State Hospital Administration
Farah Hanley	Financial Operations Administration
Belinda Hawks	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
Allen Jansen	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration
Mary Luchies	State Hospital Administration
Jeff Spitzley	Legislative Affairs
Marina Wyrzykowski	Legislative Affairs
<b>GUESTS PRESENT</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>
Kara Brooklier	Children's Center of Michigan/Wayne State University
Zach Dugger	Braintrust
Heather Eckner	Autism Alliance of Michigan; and MI-LEND Trainee
Marianna Fraga	Henry Ford Hospital
Jennifer Jager	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Julie Pratt	Comprehensive Speech and Therapy Center

Mary Schrier	Community Mental Health of Central Michigan
Chaunta Tsegaye	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Jennifer Van Cleve	Oakland Community Health Network
Jennifer Ward-Kolka	Spectrum Autism Center
Chaunta Washington	Autism Alliance of Michigan
Erin Wallace	Michigan Public Health Institute

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Autism Council meeting was called to order by Diane Heinzelman at 9:02 am. A quorum was present for the meeting.

### **ROLL CALL**

A roll call of Council members, MDHHS staff, and guests was completed.

### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Diane Heinzelman called for a **MOTION** to approve the December minutes. Colleen Allen made a **MOTION** to approve the December minutes. Rebecca McIntyre **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION** carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

### **MDHHS UPDATES**

Financial Operations Administration-Budget: Farah Hanley presented the highlights of the FY2022 proposed executive budget. Council members appreciated the update on the budget. *Presentation attached.*

Legislative Update: Jeff Spitzley reported on the following bills:

[SB 101](#) (McBroom) – DHHS/MSP co-lead, standards for mental health transport for involuntary psychiatric hospitalization (re-intro), has not moved in committee.

[HB 4057](#) (Anthony) – DHHS lead, expands definition of restraint in Mental Health Code, meeting scheduled w/ BHDDA and the Office of Recipient Rights to align language with CMS coming up; has not moved in committee (appears to be re-introduced).

[HB 4059](#) (Wendzel) – DHHS lead, changes evaluation process for autism diagnosis for Medicaid eligibility, meeting w/BHDDA in early February determined it should be possible to accomplish internally; has not moved in committee.

[HB 4071/4072](#) (Kahle/Calley) – DTMB/MSP lead (4071), DTMB/Corrections lead (4072), 4071 amends penal code to include definition of vulnerable child and qualifying conditions as second degree child abuse, 4072 adds sentencing guidelines, has not moved in committee.

[HB 4254](#) (Lightner) – lead agency not determined, creates uniform mental health prescreening tool for jail intake, has not moved in committee.

State Hospital Administration: Dr. George Mellos reported the hospitals are continuing to implement behavioral science treatment in Hawthorn and Caro Hospitals, and Kalamazoo Psychiatric Hospital will begin this treatment early summer. The Michigan Health Endowment Fund grant was awarded to develop Performance and Quality Criteria and in quarter one. The Criteria is under development.

Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA): Allen Jansen reported 1) Certified Community Behavioral Health expansion in Michigan could start as early as July 2021. 2) KB Children's Behavioral Health Services environmental scan results will be discussed in March 2021. 3) Crain's published several behavioral health editorials on February 21, 2021. He reported the Department paused the behavioral health transformation initiatives in March 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic and will revisit priorities in the future. 4) The Department is discussing vulnerable populations, including individuals with IDD, ASD and DD, for COVID-19 vaccinations. 5) Jansen said he would like to have more strategic dialog with Council and stakeholders on behavioral health priorities in the future.

FY21 ASD Boilerplate Items: Belinda Hawks reported her team is working on responding to Sections 959 and 960. Lisa Grost, Autism Alliance of Michigan, and Dr. Kara Brooklier will manage the implementation of the ASD Evaluation and Treatment trainings. Hawks reported will lead the ASD Legislative Workgroup meeting scheduled for March 12, 2021 and utilize the past membership.

Public Act 282 (20): Belinda Hawks shared the behavioral health credentialing registry will be built into the Michigan Crisis Access Line (MiCAL). Jacob Daar requested licensed behavior analysts be added to this credentialing system. Hawks said she will discuss this request with Jon Villasurda and get back to Council.

Behavioral Health Treatment 2063-BHDDA: Belinda Hawks reported the consultation summary is targeted to be complete by March 15, 2021 with a revised policy being sent to MDHHS leadership by March 30, 2021. Hawks expects the revised policy to be effective July 1, 2021.

### **New Business**

Summary of Strategic Planning and ASD State Plan Focus Area Workgroups: Diane Heinzelman reported the strategic planning session provided direction on workgroups aligned with the ASD State Plan. The workgroup documents are in the Google drive. The workgroups will meet today from 11 am – 12 pm to continue documenting action items and identifying priorities. Heinzelman, Lauren Ringle, Amy Matthews and Lisa Grost developed a template for each Focus Area.

### **Presentations**

2021 Autism Evaluation and Treatment Training: Dr. Kara Brooklier presented on the progress of the development of the 2021 Autism Evaluation and Treatment Training Plan. A statewide needs assessment was conducted in February 202. Based upon survey data, a comprehensive plan was developed to include 11 training topics with presenters from Michigan scheduled from March through September 2021. Autism Alliance of Michigan will set up a registration system by March 5, 2021. Dr. Brooklier and Autism Alliance of Michigan will set up CEUs for psychologists and social workers and will investigate credits for physicians and school psychologists. These trainings have been created in partnership with MDHHS, with Dr. Mellos and Lisa Grost. *Presentation attached.*

Stay Well COVID-19 Resources: Erin Wallace from the Michigan Public Health Institute and the MDHHS Stay Well Project provided mental health resources developed in response to an increase in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources include support groups, a 24/7 support line to talk with a trained

counselor, online resources, and brochures available to be sent to locations. Contact Erin Wallace at [brightleafllc@gmail.com](mailto:brightleafllc@gmail.com). *Presentation attached.*

### **Member Updates**

Lauren Ringle reported MAASE Insurance-Covered ABA in Michigan Schools MORE is MORE addendum to the 2017 guidance document has been approved by the MAASE Board of Directors. *Attached.*

Jacob Daar and Neel Soares reported MI-Lend has submitted a HRSA renewal application along with a supplemental to increase telehealth resources and practices in the Upper Peninsula. MI-Lend trainees will be completing their projects and they suggested a presentation from them at a future Autism Council meeting.

Colleen Allen shared Autism Alliance of Michigan's annual conference will be virtual on March 19, 2021 and there is no charge to participants. <https://autismallianceofmichigan.org/2021-conference/>

Mary Chaliman reported Stacie Bladen is acting deputy director of Children's Service Agency. She is working on the October 2021 launch of Qualified Residential Treatment Programs in Michigan.

Jacob Daar shared the Upper Peninsula Behavioral Analysts Association is a new non-profit. It is providing virtual trainings with CEUs for licensed behavior analysts at no charge. Registration and additional information can be found at [upaba.org](http://upaba.org).

Jenny Piatt thanked the members assisting with disseminating the application to have a Dell intern and they received over 200 applications. Michigan Habilitation Services will be providing a CISCO Cyber training for young adults.

Diane Heinzelman adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am. The next Autism Council meeting is **April 23, 2021**.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

<b>WHO</b>	<b>Will do WHAT</b>	<b>By WHEN</b>
Colleen Allen	Finalize the registration system and send the Autism Evaluation and Treatment Training schedule to Council to distribute statewide.	3/05/21
Belinda Hawks	<u>Public Act 282 (20)</u> : Inquire on the possibility of adding licensed behavior analysts to the list of professions recognized in the centralized credentialing system.	3/15/21
Belinda Hawks	<u>Behavioral Health Treatment 2063-BHDDA</u> : Provide the updated policy to the Autism Council at the April 23, 2021 meeting. Send the new policy prior to the meeting.	4/09/21
All	Send April agenda suggestions to Lisa Grost.	4/09/21